



## **SBA Announces Plans to Commemorate Small Business Week 2004**

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Small Business Administration's annual National Small Business Week commemoration, SBA Expo '04, will be held in Orlando, Fla., May 19-21 at the Orange County Convention Center.

The celebration honors America's leading entrepreneurs, and includes the announcement of the *National Small Business Person of the Year*. Special events this year will include a small business expo, a business matchmaking event, business seminars, a town hall meeting, and award ceremonies honoring women entrepreneurs and state and national small business winners. Other highlights will include business industry leaders and speakers from trade associations, and state level and federal government.

"SBA Expo '04 will celebrate the many contributions of the small business men and women whose hard work and perseverance have created opportunities for millions of Americans," said Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "The SBA is proud to honor the spirit of entrepreneurialism that has helped strengthen the nation's economy."

SBA Expo '04 culminates national and regional events held to commemorate the SBA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was launched in September 2003, at the SBA's National Entrepreneurial Conference & Expo in Washington, D.C. More than 3,000 participants from across the nation marked the agency's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A highlight of NECE was the inauguration of the SBA's "Hall of Fame," which honored nationally known companies that started with SBA assistance.

Regional events to note the agency's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *SBA's Economic Growth Tour: Listening to America's Job Creators*, will continue from January to April in locations throughout the country.

The tour enables local entrepreneurs to discuss small business issues with Administrator Barreto, as well as their local bankers, venture capitalists, resource and trade partners, and local SBA office.

For more information about SBA Expo '04, visit the SBA Web site at [www.sba.gov/50](http://www.sba.gov/50).

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# Loan Reports For North Florida as of January 31, 2004

## *Top 10 7(a) Lenders by Number of Loans Made for FY 2004 As of January 31, 2004*

Lender	No. of Loans	Dollar Amount
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	149	\$4,373,900.00
CAPITAL ONE, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK	47	\$2,655,000.00
INNOVATIVE BANK	36	\$255,000.00
BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA	30	\$5,898,500.00
CIT SMALL BUSINESS LENDING CORPORATION	25	\$13,100,400.00
BUSINESS LOAN CENTER, LLC	10	\$6,158,000.00
BANK OF PENSACOLA	8	\$1,281,000.00
BANKFIRST	8	\$2,478,000.00
FIRST COAST COMMUNITY BANK	7	\$4,321,300.00
COMERICA BANK	7	\$3,460,300.00

## *504 Lenders by Number of Loans Made for FY 2004 As of January 31, 2004*

Lender	No. of Loans	Dollars
FLORIDA FIRST CAPITAL FINANCE CORPORATION, INC.	14	\$4,056,000.00
JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.	11	\$3,502,000.00
FLORIDA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	7	\$3,638,000.00
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.	5	\$2,995,000.00
ST. PETERSBURG CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	2	\$631,000.00
TOTAL:	39	\$14,822,000.00

**North Florida District Office**  
**Loan Activity by County for FY 2004**  
*As of January 31, 2004*

County	Number of Loans	Dollar Amount
ALACHUA	15	\$1,850,000.00
BAY	6	\$1,594,800.00
BRADFORD	1	\$107,000.00
CITRUS	8	\$740,000.00
CLAY	9	\$2,149,000.00
COLUMBIA	1	\$1,333,000.00
DUVAL	71	\$11,815,640.00
ESCAMBIA	22	\$4,219,800.00
FLAGLER	10	\$881,200.00
HAMILTON	1	\$140,000.00
HERNANDO	15	\$2,186,800.00
HOLMES	1	\$50,000.00
LAKE	15	\$2,788,500.00
LEON	12	\$2,441,000.00
LEVY	3	\$175,000.00
MARION	8	\$3,440,000.00
NASSAU	9	\$2,941,800.00
OKALOOSA	11	\$2,500,000.00
ORANGE	133	\$23,237,800.00
PUTNAM	2	\$250,000.00
SANTA ROSA	7	\$1,328,000.00
SEMINOLE	48	\$8,176,100.00
ST. JOHNS	16	\$6,007,000.00
SUMTER	1	\$586,000.00
SUWANNEE	3	\$338,000.00
TAYLOR	1	\$100,000.00
VOLUSIA	27	\$5,695,700.00
WAKULLA	1	\$5,000.00
WALTON	2	\$125,000.00
WASHINGTON	1	\$35,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>\$87,237,140.00</b>